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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1614

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Examiner: Vickie Kim

APPLICATION NO: 09/871,367

FILED: MAY 31, 2001

FOR: TOPICAL COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING ASCOMYCINS

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Rejection dated May 9, 2002, the response date of August 9, 2002 having been extended ONE month to September 9, 2002 by a Petition for Extension of Time filed concurrently herewith. Kindly amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

14. (Twice amended) A composition for topical administration of an ascomycin for treatment of skin disorders which composition comprises an ascomycin and a carrier vehicle, said carrier vehicle comprising

- (i) means to retain water in the outer skin layer comprising a urea, an inorganic salt, or a carboxylic acid, wherein said carboxylic acid is a carboxylic acid or derivative thereof selected from the group consisting of a cyclic carboxylic acid or salt thereof; lactic acid; glycolic acid; lactic acid sodium and/or ammonium salt; glycolic acid sodium and/or ammonium salt; lactamide; lactamidopropyl-triammonium chloride; and sodium cocoyl lactylate, and
- (ii) means to hinder water evaporating from the skin.